

***Tappahannock Memorial
United Methodist Church***

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*“To all who mourn and need comfort,
to all who are tired and need rest,
to all who are lonely and need companionship,
to all who sin and need a Savior, and to all who will,
this church opens wide its doors.”*

Tappahannock Memorial UMC

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

“Prayers”

Jeremiah 31:27-34; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8

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Prelude

“Sweet Hour Of Prayer”

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Welcome & Announcements

Good Morning! I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I welcome you to our time of worship today. I welcome those who are present with us in the sanctuary as well as those worshiping online via our Facebook and YouTube pages. We welcome your feedback as we continue offering in person and online worship.

We are tracking our attendance, so thank you in advance to all who will let us know that you have watched or read our service this morning. Please email our Administrative Assistant at tappmethodist@gmail.com, with your attendance information.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it!!

* Opening Hymn

“Lord, Speak To Me”

UMH #463

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in living echoes of thy tone;
as thou hast sought, so let me seek thine erring children lost and lone.
2. O strengthen me, that while I stand firm on the rock, and strong in thee,
I may stretch out a loving hand to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the precious things thou dost impart;
and wing my words, that they may reach the hidden depths of many a heart.
4. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord, until my very heart o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word, thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
5. O use me, Lord, use even me, just as thou wilt, and when, and where,
until thy blessed face I see, thy rest, thy job, thy glory share.

* Call To Worship

Oh, how I love your will, dear Lord.

I meditate on your wisdom all day long.

Your teaching makes me wiser each day.

Your instruction helps me become my truest self.

How sweet are your words to my taste,
sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light that shines on my path.

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*** Opening Prayer**

Come, Holy Spirit, and renew us
in this hour of celebration.

We rejoice that you make us your partners
in pursuit of a just and peaceful world.

With Jesus, we ask the question,
“Will there be faith on earth?”

Will we settle for mere beliefs,
or will we yield to the deep longing
for your will to be done, here and now?

Teach us to hope, work, and cry out
for your justice and peace to be made real.

Walk with us, Jesus, until we joyfully reach that day
when all God’s children belong to your eternal family. Amen.

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Prayer of Confession

**You call us, Lord of Life,
to a faith that stays in motion.**

**You urge us to grow in wisdom
and to be reconciled with all.**

**Yet, we fail to understand
that faith is not something fixed**

**It is not a goal to be achieved,
a place where we arrive
and then rest on our laurels.**

**Call us anew, dear Christ,
to seek you in neighbors who need us.**

**Help us pursue peace with more persistence
than those who pursue violence.**

**Grant us an unyielding faith—
a faith that transforms our own hearts
and the world around us.**

This we pray in your name, which is Love. Amen.

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The Declaration of Pardon

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

That proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Glory to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Scripture**Jeremiah 31:27-34****pg. 735**

²⁷ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. ²⁸ And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD. ²⁹ In those days they shall no longer say: “The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.” ³⁰ But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of the one who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. ³¹ The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Scripture**2 Timothy 3:14-4:5****pg. 213**

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

¹ In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

*** Psalter****Psalm 119:1-8, 33-48****UMH #840**

Response 1: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

who walk in the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those who keep God’s testimonies,

who seek God with their whole heart,

who also do no wrong,
but walk in God's ways!

**You have commanded your precepts
to be kept diligently.**

O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

**Then I shall not be put to shame,
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.**

I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

**I will observe your statutes;
O forsake me not utterly!** R

Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes;
and I will keep it to the end.

**Give me understanding, that I may keep your law
and observe it with my whole heart.**

Lead me in the path of your commandments,
for I delight in it.

**Incline my heart to your testimonies,
and not to gain!**

Turn my eyes from looking at vanities;
and give me life in your ways.

**Confirm to your servant your promise,
which is for those who fear you.**

Turn away the reproach which I dread;
for your ordinances are good.

**Behold, I long for your precepts;
in your righteousness give me life!** R

Let your steadfast love come to me, O Lord,
your salvation according to your promise;

**then shall I have an answer for those who taunt me,
for I trust in your word.**

And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
for my hope is in your ordinances.

**I will keep your law continually,
for ever and ever;**

and I shall walk at liberty,
for I have sought your precepts.

**I will also speak of your testimonies before rulers,
and shall not be put to shame;**

for I find my delight in your commandments,
which I love.

**I revere your commandments, which I love,
and I will meditate on your statutes.** R

*** The Gloria Patri**

UMH #70

***Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

*** The Gospel**

Luke 18:1-8

pg. 81

¹Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

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**This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Prayer before the Sermon

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable in thy sight, O God our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

The Sermon

"Prayers"

Rev. Rebecca L. Minor

*** Hymn of Response**

"Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"

TFWS #2193

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us grace.

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Affirmation of Faith

UMH # 883

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God:
We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

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Sharing of Our Joys & Concerns

Pastor Becca

We want to continue to pray for the healing of the nations through this pandemic, and for all those impacted by: war – especially the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel and Palestine; natural disasters; gun violence; and other catastrophic events. Remember those who have been in the hospital for treatments and surgeries, as well as for COVID 19. Remember those who are isolated with no one to interact with. Please continue to pray for: your prayer partners; our homebound folks; those in nursing, rehabilitative, and assisted living facilities; as well as for those on the front lines. I would once again ask that we pray for those who have chosen to keep their illnesses between themselves and God. While we respect their privacy, they still need our collective prayers.

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

UMH #895

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.**

The Offering

Please remember to keep your tithes and offerings current so that the ministries of our church can continue. You may mail them to P. O. Box 326, Tappahannock, VA 22560, use the E-Giving link available on our website www.tappahannockmethodist.org, or download our mobile e-giving app identified on the last page of today's bulletin. Thank you for your continued support!

The Offertory

"Down To The River To Pray"

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*** Doxology**

UMH #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*** Closing Hymn**

“Thy Word Is A Lamp”

UMH #601

1. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
When I feel afraid, think I’ve lost my way, still you’re there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear as long as you are near. Please be near me to the end.
2. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.
Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.
Now I will not forget your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus be my guide and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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*** The Benediction**

“Shalom To You”

UMH #666

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

*** Postlude**

“Standing In The Need Of Prayer”

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Thank you for joining us in worship!

PRAYER LIST

Faye Brooks, Jean Edwards, Bruce George, Bill Hendricks, Kelly Lafollette, family of Mel Lockhart, Warren Minton, Thomas Mundie, Whitney Orlando, Nate Parker, Jack Robertson, Jane Ruffa, Jay Ruffa, Susie Shiriak, Colin Smith, Lynn Smith, Regan Smith, Alison Sullivan, John & Barbara Tate, Nancy Tiller, Jack Titmus, Marianne Towler, Barbara Watkins, Ellie Wawner, Betty Weaver, Ashley Wind, and the family of Devin Woodland. Inclusion and equality for the LGBTQ family and friends. All affected by critical weather and violence, everyone who struggles with drug addiction and alcoholism, all missing persons, those who serve in the Armed Forces, students and educators, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, and Sudan during this time of war.

MILITARY DEPLOYMENTS

SSGT Jonathan Simpson, LTC Matt Redmond

PRAYERS AND CARDS ARE WELCOME FOR THESE MEMBERS

Lee Black, Jean Edwards, Betty Gregory, Edna Parrish, and Barbara Watkins.

** Please contact the office for the phone number or address for these members of our church family.*

SERVICE AND OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Today, October 19th:	10:00 AM	Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School
Wednesday, October 22nd:	10:30 AM	Wednesday Morning Group
	6:30 PM	Choir Practice
Sunday, October 26th:	10:00 AM	Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
	11:15 AM	Sunday School

All meetings are offered in-person and via Zoom unless stated otherwise.

***We seek to be the Disciples of Christ, welcoming all as we nurture
and support one another through service and outreach.***

Our facility is handicap accessible.

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Pastor's Office Hours: Tue - Thu: 9 am – 2 pm